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## Students Arrested at Matrix Protest

• Four Hastings Students arrested so far protesting Matrix Program.

By Duffy Reynolds  
STAFF WRITER

As Mayor Frank Jordan continues his "Matrix" crackdown on San Francisco's homeless, four Hastings students have been arrested in protest over what they believe is a cruel and illegal policy that criminalizes poverty.

**"Matrix is a poor excuse for public policy"**

Second years Judy Appel and Raegen Rasmie were arrested along with thirteen others at an October 6 demonstration at Frank Jordan's Pacific Heights home. First year Teal Dixon and second year Jesse Palmer were arrested at separate protests over the SFPD's practice of arresting members of Food Not Bombs for serving soup and bagels to the homeless in Civic Center park.

"Matrix is a poor excuse for public policy," says Rasmie, "criminalizing behaviors associated with homelessness is just harassment, it won't solve the problem."

Jordan's crackdown began in August with the creation of a

special "Matrix" task force of twenty San Francisco police officers instructed to target what Jordan calls "quality of life" crimes. These include public intoxication, obstructing the sidewalks, and violations of the Park Code sections prohibiting "encampments" or sleeping in San Francisco parks between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

According to SFPD Commander Dennis Martel, in charge of the Matrix program, police have issued over 2700 citations for these "quality of life" crimes since August 1. In addition, Department of Public Works garbage trucks regularly traverse parks and gather up sleeping bags, mattresses, and the contents of shopping carts, which are then disposed of as abandoned property. The homeless say they

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Another arrest outside city hall.

Photo by LARA HYMAN

## Activity Fee Ruling Stands

• High court denies certiorari on decision that mandatory fees cannot be used to fund political campus groups. ASH funding may be jeopardized.

By Elaine Pappas  
STAFF WRITER

The Supreme Court has refused to review a California

decision allowing students to withhold their activity fee money from groups with which the students disagree.

The Supreme Court has refused to review *Smith v. Regents*, a California Supreme Court ruling that bars universities from giving students' mandatory activities fees to political organizations with which the students disagree. The high court denied certiorari without comment October 4.

The *Smith* case started in small

claims court when a group of UC Berkeley students filed suit in 1979, challenging the use of their student fee to fund 14 of the 150 eligible campus groups. The 14 campus groups that the "challenger" groups included campus organizations for women's rights, gay rights, world peace and environmental awareness. A state trial judge and the appellate division upheld the university's mandatory fee, but the California State Supreme Court reversed and ordered that universities could not continue channeling money from objecting students to the groups they oppose.

Supporters of the ban argue that the mandatory fees deny students freedom of association and free speech by forcing students to fund groups with political or ideological viewpoints with which they disagree. At UC Berkeley, in reaction to the decision, partisan political activities like the Young Republicans or Young Democrats are ineligible for funding. Religious groups are also ineligible for funding unless the funds are used for cultural and educational activities.

Opponents of the ban argue that many smaller alternative groups will cease to exist if funds

## ASH Election Criticized

• Section 2 students lash out at ASH elections.

By Tony Francois  
STAFF WRITER

Controversy erupted in September over the election of First Year ASH representatives for Section Two, after a previous election was voided and a new one held. Various students were dissatisfied with the way the elections were held and handled by ASH.

When ASH representative elections were originally announced, Section Two students Michael Ehrlich and Melody Lowe submitted their names for the two available positions. Lowe informed ASH personally that she wished to run, while Mr. Ehrlich submitted a form announcing his candidacy.

However, when the election was held in Section Two, only Ehrlich's name was announced as a candidate. Upon ASH Vice-President Brian Guthrie's asking if anyone else was interested in running, Richard Chisholm volunteered. Melody Lowe was not present, and thus unable to point out her intention to him. As

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## College Faces Future Without Read

• As Dean Read leaves Hastings, the college prepares for life without him.

By Eric C. Johnson  
STAFF WRITER

Dean Tom Read, accepting the Regents' voluntary retirement program, will step down as Dean on November 1. Academic Dean Mary Kay Kane will serve as acting Chief Executive Officer for Hastings. At its December meeting, the Board of Directors may either appoint an Acting Dean or let Dean Kane continue to manage the school until a dean is

chosen.

Professor C. Keith Wingate, a member of the Dean Search Committee, said the process of finding a new Dean is progressing as planned. The deadline for nominations and applications was October 17; there were over 100 candidates.

The committee has since narrowed the list to those to be invited to Hastings for an interview. As soon as the scheduling for an interview has been confirmed, the candidate's names will be released.

Wingate estimates that the interviews will take place in early to mid-November. Three to five candidates are expected to be invited to Hastings. A brief

meeting will be scheduled for the students to meet with the various candidates.

Committee member Professor Stephen Lind said that a "one-hour session" would be held between students and the candidates. He said the heads of student organizations would be invited as well as the general student body. However, he said, "if there are too many open students (students not representing student organizations) that wanted to participate, the open students would be handled through a lottery process." Lind continued, "we felt it was very important to get the same group of students to attend each time so they could do a

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# Brother, Can You Spare a Job?

• Students' criticism of Career Services mounts as they face bleak post graduation job prospects.

By Matt Sumerow  
STAFF WRITER

Amid complaints about Hastings' job placement program, ASH sponsored a "Career Services Forum" Oct. 6 to discuss ways Hastings could better help students to find work. ASH President June Morse, who led the meeting, said she would create a "career services proposal" to present to the college administration.

About eight Hastings students and one recent graduate attended.

Many of the suggestions for improving Career Services involved changing the OCI process.

John Milani, a third year,

suggested that only half the OCI slots for each employer be filled by the lottery process, and that employers be allowed to fill the other slots as they wished. He also suggested limiting the overflow resume submission process to keep top-ranked students from dominating the non-lottery interview slots. Overflow resume submission allows students to give resumes to firms with which they do not have scheduled interviews.

Victor Perez, a third year, suggested that all the UC law schools work together to set up regional interview sessions in major cities outside California. He said that would help Hastings students to reach employers that do not participate in Hastings' OCI.

One student suggested creating a phone bank of students volunteers to contact Hastings alumni for possible job openings.

Nick Mack, a 1993 Hastings graduate, complained about the "inflexible nature" of the career services staff. Mack said both Career Services Director Kristen Flierl and John Young, the legal recruitment coordinator, should

be fired. He claimed Young had a reputation among some law firms for being difficult to work with.

Other suggestions made at the meeting included starting OCI earlier, offering networking skills training, increased funding, and keeping the Career Services office open on evenings and weekends.

Hastings Career Services figures show about 165 employers participating in this fall's On Campus Interviews (OCI). The exact number of employer cancellations could not be confirmed at press time.

OCI participation has fallen dramatically over the last four years. Last year 201 employers came. The figure was 284 in 1991, and 356 in 1990.

Despite the drop in employer participation, the number of Hastings students finding jobs through OCI has remained relatively steady. Career Services reports that in 1991, 125 students (96 second years and 29 third

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# AGs Clash Over Fighting Crime

By Jose Martinez, Jr.  
ADVERTISING EDITOR

Six former U.S. Attorneys General discussed political motives in the appointment process and clashed over the proper approach to crime at Hastings' second annual Attorneys General Forum.

Participating in the impromptu discussion Oct. 23 were William Barr (served under George Bush), Ramsey Clark (Johnson), Nicholas Katzenbach (Johnson), Edwin Meese III (Reagan), William Rogers (served under Eisenhower as AG and as Secretary of State under Nixon) and Richard Thornburgh (Bush). Moderating the forum was Prof. Arthur R. Miller, a Harvard law professor who appears as legal commentator on ABC's "Good Morning America."

Miller started with a question about the attorney general selection process and its political undertones. Rogers, in a nostalgic tone, said the Eisenhower Administration did not take politics into consideration in

filling the position. He said the focus was on "integrity first and ability second." He added that Eisenhower's concerns reflected the corruption under the Truman Administration.



PHOTO BY LARSEN HENRIKSEN  
Former AG William Rogers

Thornburgh took a different tack, saying the job of Attorney General includes that of counsel for the president. He suggested that this role requires a close and trusting relationship between the President and the Attorney General. Furthermore, he added, the appointment process is

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# NEWS BRIEFS

COMPILED BY THE HASTINGS LAW NEWS STAFF

## The Grinch who Stole Halloween

UC Santa Barbara is warning students in a letter from UCSB Vice Chancellor Michael Dennis Young, of the "potential serious consequences to them if they choose to come to Tela Vista this Halloween." Young warns us that "law enforcement officers will be cracking down" and live bands and loud recorded music are outlawed. He continues that in Halloween's past "women have been the victims of sexual assault; fights have led to serious injury, and falls from the cliffs have resulted in permanent disability and death." Sounds scary!!!

## Bar Reviews Adopt Code of Conduct

Bar/Bri and Barpassers have agreed to a court-approved code of conduct to regulate competition between them as part of their current court battle. The code prohibits communications about the other's financial position, character, or ethics. Anonymous fliers and posters are banned, as are removing or obscuring the other companies' posters. Also banned are written discussions of the pending litigation and stealing the other company's student representatives.

## Hastings Recognizes Union

The Hastings Public Safety Officers Association received official recognition from Hastings on October 1, marking the first time the college has accepted a campus union.

Hastings General Counsel Angele Khachadour said the college voluntarily recognized two bargaining units: one for "peace officers," who have arrest power, and one for "security officers." She said the two units would have to negotiate separately—a division the officers had opposed.

Relations with management have been strained since the summer, when Hastings fired the union's president, Dave Hardy. He has since been reinstated, pending an administrative appeal set for Nov. 10.

No formal contract negotiations are under way, but the college, the officers and the union's attorney, Dan Connolly, have discussed the scope of officers' jurisdiction. He said Hastings will soon issue "general orders" stating a policy on this disputed issue. Some security officers have complained they are asked to do the work of police, but are also limited to problems involving the Hastings community.

Connolly said the officers also plan to ask for paid lunch breaks. Like other Hastings staff, the security officers are paid for eight hours' work and get an unpaid 45-minute lunch break, according to Levine. Connolly said the officers have a right to be paid under state and federal law because "during the lunch break they have to be on call to respond to dispatches." The association will "pursue other avenues" if it cannot resolve the matter informally, he said.

# ASH Cash Appeals Process Protested

By Elaine Pappas  
STAFF WRITER

ASH recently finished its allocation process for the fall 1993 semester amid allegations of unfairness and inadequate procedures. This year, ASH was only given slightly over \$20,000 in mandatory student activity fees to meet over \$74,000 worth of requests from various student organizations on campus.

The allocation process works in two steps. First, ASH creates a finance committee and invites all interested Hastings students to join. The elected student representatives later vote to accept or reject these recommendations. The finance committee awards money according to at least three criteria: organizations' total membership, activities and events planned during the school year, and the underlying need for funding.

Later, after funds are distributed, ASH holds an appeals process where student groups are given a chance to request additional funding. Hastings La

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# Is BAR/BRI Really Enough For The MBE?

- ✓ **FACT:** The overwhelming majority of students taking the California Bar Exam last year were enrolled in BAR/BRI.

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- ✓ **FACT:** The Pass Rate on the California Bar Exam plummeted to 44% last year!

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- ✓ **FACT:** The reason for the dramatic drop in the California Pass Rate was primarily due to low MBE scores!

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- ✓ **FACT:** The Mean Raw Score on the 1992 Multistate Bar Exam was only 124 correct.\*

\*Statistics based on February, 1993 California Bar Exam.



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# Students Come Out Staff Take Golden Handshake

By Steven Feinstein  
Editor in Chief

Hastings' gay and lesbian students celebrated National Coming Out Day on October 11. The 70-member Hastings Association of Gays and Lesbians (HAGL) covered a portable wall with gay and lesbian history, held a bake sale, and showed videos of media portrayals of homosexuality. They also passed out pink triangle pins and encouraged all Hastings students and faculty to wear them.

HAGL member, Edward Walther, said Coming Out Day was designed to "increase awareness of the situation that gays, lesbians, and bisexuals have had to endure throughout history." He commented, "Hastings is really good (for gays), as evidenced by the fact that a majority of people wearing the pink triangle pins are straight." Walther further explained that "the pink triangle was used by the Nazis to identify homosexuals during World War II."

Asked if discrimination against gays is a problem at Hastings, Walther said he was upset that the Hastings Board of Directors refused to bar the military from recruiting on campus even though it discriminates against gays and

lesbians. He added that "homosexuals would be added to the 1964 Civil Rights Act" and that states should allow same-sex couples to marry.

HAGL member, Enrique Gleason, said, "I think the more exposure, the better it is for society as a whole." Gleason said he contributed a list of gays and lesbians to the history wall. The list spanned the ages from Plato to Sir Francis Bacon, a courtier to Elizabeth I of England, to Rock Hudson. When asked about contemporary gay lawyers Gleason said, "Justice Souter might be gay. I wish he would come out, it would make the whole world more understanding and perhaps laws would change as a result."

Many students observing the event declined to comment. Alex Martinez said that "this day is a good symbol of many oppressed groups in our society that have successfully attempted to overcome oppression and establish their rightful and needed place in our society."

A male student who requested anonymity commented that "I was really surprised at the numbers of gays and lesbians here at school." He continued that he was "kind of disappointed about some of the women who I just found out are lesbians."

By Steve Anderson  
Paste-Up Editor

More than 4,000 UC administrators and staff have taken the university's latest early retirement offer, including Dean Tom Read, three other administrators, and most of the maintenance department.

This fall's offer is the third round of the Vested Early Retirement Incentive Program (VERIP), which the Regents created in 1991 in an effort to cut payroll costs. The program's incentives allow qualified employees to as much as double their retirement benefits.

Across the University of California system, including all campuses and laboratories, 12,000 people were eligible for the program. Of those, about a third opted to leave their jobs early. Only administrators and staff got the early retirement offer this fall. The faculty will get the offer in the spring.

Eight of 22 eligible Hastings staff and administrators accepted VERIP III.

Dean Read took the offer in a surprise move last month, not long after he told the Law News he planned to finish his remaining year as dean and then go back to teaching.

In Hastings' maintenance department, the manager, three out of the crew opted to take the benefits. A janitor also took the golden handshake. Senior Building Maintenance Worker Dwane Pinkston has been with Hastings since 1969. The others retiring are Earl Bryant, Melchor Dimalanta, John LaChapelle and Jose Solis.

Frank Trinkl will retire after more than seven years as director of the Public Law Research Institute, which pays second and

third year students to work on problems supplied by California legislators.

Janice Bunting, the longest-serving retiree in this fall's group with 25 years, now serves as Academic Program Coordinator for Legal Writing and Research, Appellate Advocacy, Moot Court and Appellate Advocacy.

"I decided to make my escape and stop commuting every day," said Bunting, who has watched

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## Section 2 Protests Election

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a result, Guthrie declared Ehrlich and Chisholm Section Two representatives.

The following week, after Lowe had brought the error to ASH's attention, a new election was held. On Tuesday, September 21, Guthrie returned to Section Two and announced the new election, which was to take place in Room A after class. The ballot included Ehrlich, Chisholm, and

In a September 22 memo Guthrie addressed the controversy. He apologized for the confusion but stated that the election would stand. He said since 77 members of the class had voted "and considering the circumstances, a full and fair election was held."

Following the second election, section members Jeffrey Cohen and Roland Tellis distributed a memo objecting to what they felt as unfairness in adding Lowe to



PHOTO BY STEVE ANDERSON

Melody Lowe, Richard Chisholm, and Michael Ehrlich

Lowe. Each was to be given the opportunity to speak following the class. With only Melody Lowe having spoken, the speeches were forced to continue in room B when classmate A was taken by another class. Melody Lowe and Richard Chisholm were the election, with a total of seventy-seven votes cast.

Ehrlich presented the results to ASH. ASH officers conceded the procedural incorrectness and unfairness of the elections, and awarded him an alternate position.

Another member of the section, Joshua Koran, had also inquired after the original election regarding possible participation in representative elections. Guthrie denied the request, stating in a response dated September 16, that re-opening the election would be unfair to Ehrlich and Chisholm. At that time, Guthrie was unaware of the error in excluding Lowe from the original election.

the ballot when Koran had been denied the opportunity.

This memo led to a string of others appearing on the Community Comment Board. One memo posted by section member Sarah Tijerdes pointed out that Koran was allowed by the election rules to announce his name as a write-in during the second election. And, in a humorous vein, section member Steve Baik posted a memo alleging that the mishandling of the election by ASH was the proximate cause of emotional trauma to the entire section, for which various forms of injunctive relief (including a keg and a more liberal grading policy) were in order. Baik's comment has prompted response from other members of the College, and the debate continues on the Community Comment Board.

## Students Arrested at Mayor's House

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fear that if they claim their property, they will be cited for "encampment."

The October 6 demonstration at the Mayor's house was organized to protest the practice of citing people for sleeping in the parks when they had no other place to go. There are between 6,000 and 10,000 homeless people living in San Francisco, but only 1400 shelter beds, according to Jordan's Homeless Coordinator, Eleanor Jacobs. Shelters turn away between 12,000 and 15,000 requests each month.

The theme of the protest was thus, "since we have no place else to go, let's sleep at the mayor's house." "We wanted to do something splashy, to let the Mayor know there was real opposition to his Matrix program," said Raegan Ranic. The demonstration was organized by an alliance of local activists affiliated the national group Empty the Shelters.

According to second year Judy Appel, shortly after 6:00 p.m.

about 250 protesters, activists, and homeless people gathered at Jordan's home on the corner of Fillmore and Pacific. They were met by 70 SFPD officers in riot gear who had already set up barricades around the Mayor's house. Jordan himself was not home during the demonstration, which Appel says was not surprising, since he had advance notice of the protest.

The demonstrators divided themselves into two groups. Ranic, Appel, and 15 others, all of whom were willing to risk arrest, sat down on the sidewalk along the Pacific St. side of the Jordan's house and prepared to sleep out there for the night. The rest of the protesters stayed around Pacific Street and held a speak-out and rally.

Eventually, the police surrounded the smaller group on the sidewalk by the Mayor's house and blocked them off from the other demonstrators. Officers allowed one woman in the group to leave to use the restroom, but when she tried to return, they arrested her. At that point, says

Ranic, "the situation was getting very tense, and we decided to bring the event to a close." The group linked arms and moved towards the police line. All 15 were arrested, driven to Pier 38, cited, and released. Both Ranic and Appel are charged with battery on a police officer, a misdemeanor. They have court appearances scheduled for November 9, though it's unclear whether the D.A. will pursue charges.

Hastings students Teal Dixon and Jesse Palmer were arrested in separate protests over the arrests of Food Not Bombs members for serving food to the homeless in Civic Center Park without a Parks Permit. Palmer and Dixon say the City has made it impossible for the group to obtain the requisite permits.

Arrests of members of Food Not Bombs began five years ago in response to the Cole Valley Neighborhood Association's complaint that the group was feeding homeless people in

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# Hastings Black Alumni Association Created

By Diane Lewis  
STAFF WRITER

The Hastings Black Law Students Association (BLSA) hosted its annual reception for Hastings' Black alumni on October 6. BLSA also announced the formation of the Black Alumni Chapter of the Hastings Alumni Association at the reception.

The annual reception provided an opportunity for current students and alumni to meet, and for the alumni to renew acquaintances. Alumni in attendance at the October 6 reception included the Oakland City Attorney Jayne Williams and two administrative law judges. Speaker of the California Assembly Willie Brown, Jr. a Hastings alumni and the honorary co-sponsor of the reception could not attend the reception because assembly business kept him in Sacramento.

This year's alumni reception marked the inauguration of the Black Alumni Chapter of the Hastings Alumni Association. Although formation of a Black Alumni chapter was discussed as long as 20 years ago, its birth did not take place until now. Current

BLSA officers took the lead in contacting alumni and arranging initial planning sessions. Five alumni agreed to form the steering committee, which is responsible for structuring the organization.

According to Judy Lane, Hastings Director of Alumni Relations, special interest Alumni

to change, the focus of alumni chapters will also change, said Lane.

Lane said the Alumni Relations Office is committed to providing administrative support to fledgling alumni groups. "With BLSA, the need and interest were already established. We want to

help alumni keep in contact with the college, she said, adding, "Everybody wins."

The Black Alumni Association plans to start its activities by helping BLSA set up a mentor program. Thirty-five alumni have already agreed to participate. The group also plans to hold a reception this spring for a retired federal judge.

The program portion of the reception opened with a welcome from BLSA Vice President Danielle Ochs-Tillotson. BLSA President Kym Goodrum introduced the Executive Board, and spoke of the goals of the organization, which include working to retain students, publishing a newsletter, establishing a scholarship program, and establishing an alumni association.

Dean Leo Martinez told the group that alumni were important to current students. He observed that the status of "a minority student on a campus like Hastings is a paradox of being. From the rules we gain the greatest protection. But with the rules we can lose our sense of community." Alumni help students maintain

the sense of community, Martinez said. Professor C. Keith Wingate invited the alumni to participate in school activities, beginning the process by acting as practice judges for the Frederick Douglass Moot Court Competition.

Third year student Lanny Rollins presented the history of BLSA. Now over twenty years old, BLSA has 200 chapters and over 7000 members across the nation, Rollins said. He was followed by Rebecca Riley, LEOP (Legal Education Opportunity Program) Fellow, who spoke of the continuing need for the LEOP program, which will celebrate its twenty-first anniversary next year at Hastings.

BLSA awarded its first annual Alumnus of the Year award to Judge Benjamin Travis of the Alameda County Superior Court. The 1960 Hastings graduate was honored for his work benefiting the legal community, for community service, and for furthering legal education opportunities for minority students.



PHOTO BY DIANE LEWIS

Professor C. Keith Wingate, Donald Smith, Victor Bullock, and Lanny Rollins.

groups will become more prevalent in the future. To date, Hastings alumni have formed organizations on a geographic basis. However, as the student population at Hastings continued

support this," Lane said. She said the smaller specialty associations mirror the interests and connections alumni had while at Hastings. Such groups help students enter the work force and



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## Pedestrian Interviews

Interviews By Steven Feinstein  
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### What about Dean Read will you miss most?



**Nadine Reed**  
3rd year

I liked being in his class because the light would reflect off his bald head right to who he was calling on. It was easy to know when you were being called on. It was very helpful.

**Karen Craig**  
1st year

Dean Read's eyebrows. They are sort of comical.



**Virginia Villegas**  
2nd year

His enlightened views on La Raza and our issues.



**Wayne Woody**  
Professor

He has been so active in participating in so many extra-curricular activities of the college. I'll miss knowing we have somebody attending to that.



**Jim Harper**  
3rd year

His really oversized glasses and pleasant smile.



**John Forsyth**  
3rd and a half year

His patronizing of minority student groups.



## Notes from the Basement

By Leslie Kim  
ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF  
HASTINGS SECRETARY

### Smith v. Regents

The United States Supreme Court recently denied certiorari on *Smith v. Regents*, a California Supreme Court decision from last year. *Smith* held that the plaintiffs, students at Berkeley, could not be forced to pay student fees to groups that contradicted their personal political beliefs. The sticking point of the opinion is that groups which are "political" and not "educational" in nature are at risk of losing funding. But what is "political"? Of course, the Young Republicans and Democrats are "political," but what about groups which mix elements of politics and cultural/educational elements?

At this point, *Smith* has not affected Hastings' student activities fees. The decision is currently being studied by Hastings' General Counsel, Angele Khachadour, to determine if the decision is intended to be applied to all UC campuses,

including Hastings, and if so, to what extent may students keep their fees from going to certain groups. ASH Treasurer Victor Perez and second-year representative Nat Cousins are also studying *Smith* to formulate an approach for ASH to take regarding fees while we wait for guidelines from the General Counsel. If you have any input on the issue, please contact Victor or Nat through the ASH SIC folder.

### Barristers' Ball

A little dancing, a little food, a little drink... what more could you ask for? The Hastings Alumni Association and ASH are hosting a Barristers' Ball on November 12 at the Westin St. Francis Hotel on Union Square. "Evening attire" (whatever that means to you) is requested. This is Hastings' first ever Ball, and it should be an event to remember. The Alumni Association is covering the cost of the hotel and DJ for us. The cost of the Ball will be \$5 in advance and \$8 at the door. Tickets go on sale beginning November 1 on the Beach and in the ASH office.

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## Dean Search

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relative evaluation of the candidates." When asked if there was a plan for the committee to request or accept student comments, Lind replied, "There is no plan. I suppose that any student could talk to us."

The faculty will then vote on each candidate; only those

legislative hearings that determine the amount of funding the school is to receive from the State.

After the December meeting of the Board, the administration will have to have to make some tough decisions. For example, if Dean Kane is in charge of the school in the spring, she may not teach her scheduled Civil Procedure class.

Associate Dean Leo Martinez considered Dean Read to be "the right person at the right time" for the school. Under Read's leadership, Hastings has become financially stronger: during Read's tenure, the school received over \$1 million in grants and donations for three years. "Was Dean Read worth the salary he was paid?" You bet," Dean Martinez said.

Academic Dean Kane said she "really enjoyed working with Dean Read." She found his energy and enthusiasm to be "boundless." Dean Kane described Dean Read as a good leader, knowing when to delegate and how to form a consensus.

First-year students, who had only been exposed to Dean Read for only two months, were not so elated with Dean Read's tenure. Comments about his impending retirement ranged from "He is!" to "Dean who?"

Dean Read was unavailable for comment.

## Dean Search Shuts Out Law News

By Steven Feinstein  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

The Dean Search Committee has rejected a Law News request to meet with the deansearch candidates during their upcoming visits to Hastings. In an October 11 letter to Dean Search Committee Chairman James Mahoney, the Law News asked for a short interview with each of the dean candidates: Angele Khachadour, Hastings' General Counsel, responded in a letter to the Law News that the committee has denied the request.

The Law News requested the meetings after Academic Dean Mary Kay Kane, a candidate for dean with substantial faculty support, refused to discuss with the Law News to meet with her views as the soon-to-be acting dean of the college. Kane claimed it would be unfair for her to have an interview printed in the Law News while other candidates would be denied a similar opportunity. The Law News then requested interviews with all the candidates to give the entire student body information regarding the various candidates.

Khachadour's letter states, "The consensus of the committee was that, since its student member, Chris Ayayo, was making arrangements in consultation with the ASH council and student leaders for a student forum which would provide each candidate an opportunity to make a brief presentation and respond to questions from students at a separate meeting with the Hastings Law News would duplicate Law News will have the opportunity to evaluate the candidates during the periods reserved for students."

Professor C. Keith Wingate, a committee member, refused to comment on the decision.



## Local Scene: Life in the Tenderloin



## Attorneys General Forum

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necessarily guided by political motives.

Miller turned to the selection process for U.S. Attorneys. The Attorneys General appeared to agree that there is a great deal of partisan pressure from the Senate and Congress in the nomination process. Clark said the pressure results in a "non-professional" atmosphere and fosters "non-allegiance" to the office of the Attorney General, mixing politics with legal issues. Katzenbach added that the political ambition of many U.S. Attorneys impedes the proper and efficient functioning of the office. Thornburgh disagreed strongly, though he acknowledged that the office is subject to political influence.

When Miller turned the subject to crime control, the AGs' varying political views were thrown into relief. Rogers said every attorney general begins with a lofty and ambitious agenda against crime, but crime continues to escalate. Katzenbach said the role of the Attorney General should not be enlarged by giving the federal government additional jurisdiction over criminal activity.

In his opinion, the federalization of criminal activity simply leads to greater government expense. He suggested the Attorney General should focus on the societal problems confronting the children of America, to avoid future criminal activity. His statement evoked cheers from the audience.

Barr disagreed, saying an Attorney General's job is law enforcement, not social work. He suggested AGs should influence states to strengthen their penal systems by imposing stricter sentences and building more jails. Thornburgh followed Barr's lead, saying the primary role of the Attorney General is to confront criminal activity existing today

and not to attempt to thwart criminal activity in the future. He added, "[the] greatest civil right of the people is to feel safe" and that necessarily means dealing with problems at hand. Like Barr, he suggested building more jails and imposing stricter sentences.

Clark responded with a passionate rebuttal. He said spending more money on crime would continue the "militarization" of law enforcement.

"Society has to come to grips with the fact that crime reflects the character of society," Clark said. He said he opposed more "beating of people over the head," and said, "throwing more people in jail is not the answer."

## On the Subject of... Respect By Sophia Ng

What is respect? This is not exactly a mind-boggling question. "Why or why not have respect?" is perhaps a more troubling one.

I know people who have too much respect for others. That respect is sometimes perceived as sheepish, cowardly, introverted. To be blunt, those nice folks don't get any respect in return, and that bothers me, tremendously.

Some nice people have strong opinions about things that they believe in and are concerned with, but they only act when their principles are at stake. Other times, they can be careless about what other people think, either about them, or about their beliefs.

This is not to say they have no respect for what people say or think. On the contrary, it is because they are confident enough that they are not easily troubled by people's gossip or opinions. In other words, a confident person who respects others listens to what other people have to say, but is not necessarily affected (adversely or not) by other people's opinions. True confidence comes from within and not from without.

When engaging in a conversation, for instance, a person who respects others can just sit down, listen, and digest what other people have to say. A respectful listener does not jump to conclusions, or raise disagreements, or intercept with additional information, or cut off the speaker altogether in order to express another opinion.

Good communication is a two-way street. It takes more than telling to make a conversation; it also requires listening. Unless you don't care much about who you are talking to or are only interested in getting your point across. In either of the two latter scenarios, there is a serious lack of respect for the other person involved. If you don't care much about who you are talking to or you don't have the social grace to listen to the other person, you are better off cutting the one-sided conversation short and not wasting the other person's valuable time.

I used to get very frustrated when people were so eager to get their own agenda across or to interrupt the conversation with whatever "vast knowledge" they may possess, that they didn't hear a word of what I said. One time, I was feeling a little weary, so I found a friend to tell my problems to and get her advice. But before I got to the next sentence, she went on and on and told me her whole life story. I ended the conversation by saying, "It's nice knowing that you share exactly the same problems I do and that you fully understand the feelings I am going through."

Now I can just look at the same situation and laugh about it. What the hell! People have the choice to do whatever they want. But that shouldn't stop me from analyzing why people do what they do. There are certain things required of mature adults and I think respect for others is one of them.

As is true with most things, there is a limit to respect. When you give someone their due respect and you get none in return, that is the time to stop. There is no cure for people who have no respect for others and who are not capable of being moved by and thus learning from the respect and courtesy that others have shown them. The way to deal with those "terminally ill" is to be polite and stay at a distance. I don't see anything wrong with having a little superiority complex by demonstrating that "I AM TOO FAR ABOVE YOUR KIND TO BE TROUBLED BY YOUR PROBLEMS!"

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# OPINION

*En Banc*

## So Sue Us!

The college's spokesman, Tom Debley, posted a threatening letter last week. Effectively, he has told the entire student body that if a staff member is criticized by name, the school is planning to respond by filing a libel suit against the student. So we here at the Law News are planning our countersuits.

• Against the college for violating the free speech rights of students by regulating outside speakers on the basis of content and attempting to limit student organization fundraising.

• Against the college for antitrust by only permitting one bake sale per day.

• Against Dean Mary Kay Kane for refusing to be interviewed in violation of the state's open meeting law and the city's sunshine law.

• Against the Dean Search Committee for refusing to allow the Law News to interview the dean candidates in violation of the state's open meeting law and the city's sunshine law.

• Against the college for violating state law by allowing employers who discriminate against gays and lesbians to recruit on campus.

• Against the college for refusing to bargain collectively with its employees.

• Against the college for negligence for the back injuries caused by broken classroom chairs.

• Against the college for not repainting the peeling paint in room C, thereby violating the implied warranty of habitability.

• Against professors who give bad grades or criticize student comments, as these teachers cause intentional infliction of emotional distress.

• Against the college for breach of contract due to the huge number of students who don't have jobs.

One could argue about the merits of each of the planned lawsuits, but they all have more support in the law than public officials suing for libel when someone criticizes their performance.

We suggest the administration read the First Amendment to the United States Constitution. Last we checked, it still states: "Congress shall make no law... abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

## Election Endorsements

City Attorney: Louise Renne

Renne has done a good job representing the city in all civil matters during the past seven years. While we might prefer a more activist city attorney, there is no evidence her opponent would be any better.

Propositions W and X

Proposition W would limit and Proposition X would eliminate elected officials' "friends" accounts, basically slash funds for contributions not allowed as campaign funds. These accounts allow politicians to be bought, but it can cost money to mingle with one's constituents so "friends accounts" can be invaluable to city officials of limited means.

We endorse Yes on W and are split on X.

Proposition V: No

You may know Proposition V as the measure that would fingerprint all recipients of General Assistance. That's reason enough to vote no. The fingerprinting system would be expensive, humiliating, Big Brotherish, and useless against most types of fraud.

What's worse, though, is that V would double the sanctions for all "program violations", however minor, from 14 days to 30 days without benefits.

GA is San Francisco's \$345 a month welfare program for more than 15,000 single people with no other source of money. Many recipients are homeless, disabled or HIV-positive. GA is all that keeps these people off the street. Prop. V could easily put them there.

The City of Saint Francis can do better. Please vote no.

Proposition AA: Yes

This measure, requiring all city employees to ride public transit twice a week, is probably non-binding. Still, a "yes" vote could shame our civic fathers and mothers into stepping out of their limos. You can learn a lot of things on public transit, like why Muni should be better funded, and what it's like on the receiving end of a city bureaucracy.

Some people may object, saying that the Muni system is inconvenient, time-consuming, unsafe and troublesome for busy people, night workers, and the disabled.

We say, that's exactly the point.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Hastings' First Union

Editor,  
Hastings Public Safety Officers Association is pleased to announce that they have finally, after over a year of resistance on the part of the Hastings Administration, been fully recognized as a collective bargaining unit. This Association is the first organized labor in Hastings' history.

A new jurisdictional security policy has been developed by the administration and, after consultation with the Association's counsel, an agreement was reached on a workable policy. The Association membership was concerned about the leadership and mission of the security department.

During the course of policy formation it became obvious that some College administrators had a general lack of understanding of the responsibilities of a Peace Officer and the State-mandated requirements of that position. Association members stressed that in order for our department to fulfill its mission — which is to provide for the safety and security of the Hastings Community — basic equipment and staffing needs would have to be met. More importantly, a contemplated, hands-off, "Peace Officers only when convenient" policy would be ineffective and contrary to the Peace Officer's public duty.

With the major distraction of achieving the collective bargaining status and other problematic personnel decisions now behind us, the Association remains committed to the mission of providing for the safety, and the serving of, the Hastings Community. Your Safety is our first concern; our goal is to serve and protect you.

Dave Hardy  
Association President

### Making Trouble

Editor,  
I received and read, with enjoyment and pride, your first issue of the 1993-1994 school

year. It was great to see that the Law News still keeps itself busy taking Administration noses and shining lights into the otherwise dark corners and cracks of Hastings student life. Keep up the good work! I also appreciate your keeping us "emeriti" on the mailing list. Although we get tons of Alumni crap from the Hastings Establishment, nothing can replace the student perspective.

John C. Andrews  
Editor-In-Chief, Vol. 24

### La Raza Complains

Editors,  
We were disappointed with the quality of reporting in two articles in the Sept. 19 Hastings Law News.

Steven Feinstein's article, "Bake Sale Rules Void," was poorly researched. Mr. Feinstein forgot to find out who discovered that Director of Student Services Patsy Oppenheim's bake sale regulations were completely preempted by previous decisions of the Hastings Board of Directors. Feinstein didn't mention that the effort of Hastings La Raza Law Students' Association was the main reason the new bake sale regulations were reversed. La Raza board members Richard Vaznaugh and Mary Gonzales were the only people in the school to bring the official Hastings regulations to the attention of the Associated Students of Hastings, ASH. ASH subsequently brought the information to Oppenheim. Needless to say, Feinstein was inaccurate when he wrote that the "fiercest opposition" to the bake sale plan came from the law journals.

Similarly, Doug Carlin's article, "Dia De La Raza," was full of inaccuracies, distortions and a disparaging style error.

First of all, Carlin's statement that the evening began with Professor Gerald Lopez is wrong. The evening began with a welcome by La Raza President Mary Gonzales. Next, Political Chair Al Hernandez-Santana followed

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## Editorial

## Subpoena Envy

By Sheila B. Allen  
OPINION EDITOR

I never had great respect for the law—or any authority for that matter. The concept of punishment, intellectual, judicial punishment always paled against the straight and honest street justice I grew up with (baseball bats and dark alleys). During my first year I was terrified I would become so frightened and objective in my thinking, I would forget how to passionately fight—fight dirty, and go for the jugular (regardless of right or wrong, win or lose—just fight).

On 98th Street in Spanish Harlem, justice was predicated upon having your adversary by the short hairs and then negotiating a disagreement. All through classes memorized by the missed or failed argument: why didn't she have him by the cobbles before the fight, I muse as my teacher very eruditely and profess—orally—opines the nuances of the seminal case under discussion by the rest of the class. How could this lawyer have lost this case, I wonder—how did it happen? Were they windy

fighters or out-maneuvered? Uncle Guido (who could be called a counselor, of sorts) never lost arguments... yet these (very educated) people are getting trounced big-time and paying much kudos to be begged. OK, you can't win every case, but why can't lawyers sue their incompetent brethren/sisters for allowing some of these ill-prepared, dirtball cases to become precedent, thereby injuring all subsequent plaintiffs? Maybe we need a new provision agency to prevent bad lawyering (Yo, there's a guy, One-Thumb Riley, here to sue a bawd that SEC case ya blew). Maybe Guido would inspire better results; you don't want to tell him, "Oh well, win some, lose some," or "Some days, you just have bad results," or "The other side cheated."

As everyone else is nodding intelligently and scribbling away, I sit picturing Justice Souter and Marlon Brando (as Godfather) discussing justice; I imagine Guido v. Wainwright, with Brando as Chief Justice Earl Warren and "Raging Bull" DeNiro as Ab Fortas, fighter for DeGenn; Stallone, as Justice Powell, flashes post me saying, "Education is not

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## Guest Editorial

## Confessions of an Angry Man

By Rich Jankowski  
FIRST YEAR

Normally, I consider myself to have a pretty good temper. I'll admit that I get the occasional urge to destroy things when I am completely frustrated, but I rarely (if ever) act on them. And yes, sometimes when I am dealing with some mindless bastard, I might briefly entertain a violent notion or two towards the contemptible, little piss ant. But, basically I think of myself as a mellow guy overall. Granted, I do listen to some hostile, aggressive music. And sure, I've been known to carry a grudge sometimes. Mostly though, I manage to keep a relatively even keel and let everyone else do their own thing without any interference from me.

Despite all that, there are a few things that never fail to piss me off no matter how hard I try to ignore them. For example, it is hard for me to react diplomatically to blatant displays of prejudice, intolerance, or stupidity. Maybe I simply expect too much from people or something. I don't know. But when I am confronted by a closed-minded son-of-a-bitch, I pretty much lose it.

Equanimity and control fly straight out the window for a while. And when it's an especially ugly situation, this one vein kind of sticks out from my head (typically indicating that I am about to act like an idiot).

Now I know some of you are thinking that this little tirade is going to downgrade us as some pedantic, politically-correct bitch session. Well, don't worry, it isn't. If you want a dose of that, you can always pay a visit to the wonderfully whiny Community Comment Board (it's like a gruesome traffic accident; you just can't help but stop and look). Anyway, relax, I'm not here to play the role of mind police and tell you what is right to think. I figure that most of us already have formed our opinions about racism, sexism, or any other "ism" you can possibly dream up. And as far as I'm concerned, that's cool as long as no one tries to impose their views on me.

So, I'm not going to drag out a soapbox and preach Rich's gospel of right and wrong to you today. Instead, I want to vent a bit. I figure a little ranting about a few truly annoying things here at Hastings might be therapeutic. Nothing major or political, just

some tedious bullshit that I've encountered. Take, for example, what I euphemistically refer to as the "eager-beaver" syndrome (more like "horrendous-pain-in-my-ass" syndrome if I haven't had much sleep). It's when you're in class and the professor is asking a specific person some breath-takingly Socratic series of questions. Now, we've all either been there or will be soon. No matter how together your shit is, you still get a little nervous. It's natural. But if you hesitate for even a split-second, the eager-beaver's hand will shoot high into the air. Man, it makes me mad just to think about it now. Not only is it completely disrespectful to the questioner who is getting grilled, but it's totally distracting and annoying to everyone else. And I know for me, the effect of such behavior is cumulative. With every passing day and outstretched finger frantically wagged, my desire to see a professor just fucking ruin these sorry people grows.

While we're on the subject of questions, I'd like to spread some news. Despite what you've heard, some questions are dumb. I know because I've asked a few lame

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"From dialogue comes truth."

## V is for Vicious

By Martha A. Bridgman  
COPY EDITOR

It might seem excessive to argue that a municipal ballot measure will kill people.

Nevertheless, I'll say it. If Proposition V passes, it will kill people.

They will be people we know—people who have sought help from Hastings students through GAAP and the various clinical programs, people we pass on the street, our neighbors.

That's Proposition V, as in Vicious, on the November 2 ballot in San Francisco. If you are a San Francisco voter, or if you know any San Francisco voters, please read your ballot book section on Proposition V.

Proposition V is Mayor Jordon's punitive attempt at "welfare reform" in the General Assistance (GA) program.

More than 15,000 San Franciscans rely on the \$345 monthly GA grant as their only source of money. (Some also receive \$45 to \$90 in Food

Stamps.) Many GA recipients are disabled, many are HIV-positive, and, by a very conservative estimate, 3,000 are homeless. Life on GA is not easy. Proposition V would make it much worse.

If passed, Proposition V would do three things, all of them cruel:

- Increase the sanction for GA rule violations from 14 to 30 days. Currently, someone who misses an appointment is cut off benefits and may not reapply until 14 days after the effective date of the cutoff. Because the reapplication process takes at least another week, the person being punished gets no money for almost a month. Proposition V would bar reapplication for 30 days instead of 14. Second and third "fraud" offenses would be punished by 60- and 90-day sanctions, respectively.

- Many of these 30-day sanctions would hit needy people who have done nothing wrong. Program violations may be comparatively small, such as being late for a 6:30 a.m. street-

sweeping assignment, or missing an appointment due to illness. Recipients may "remedy" some violations and thereby avoid cutoff, but it is very difficult to contact eligibility workers to arrange remedies, and recipients often do not even know they have the right to remedy. Of course, those least able to assert remedy rights are those whose physical or mental debilitation places them most in need of benefits. Many types of paperwork violations, such as failure to obtain a California ID, cannot be remedied.

- Impose a 15-day residency requirement for new or repeat applicants. Homeless people, battered women and the recently evicted may have trouble finding people to vouch for their presence in the city.

- Require all GA applicants and recipients to be fingerprinted. The fingerprints would go into a computer database meant to catch people who reapply for benefits under false names. The system would cost the county

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# FEATURES

## Alternative Forums

Things to do in the Bay Area

By Charles Cypher

### Bloodletting

Warm, red blood was flowing out of me and down my arm. I'd given blood before, but this was the first time I'd associated "adult bed-wetter" with the experience. Never had the nurses laid the thin little tube so it ran down my exposed forearm before dropping over the side of the table. A truly unforgettable sensation.

I guessed that the little red tube disappearing over the side of the table ran into a sturdy vinyl bag, like the one attached to my newly made friend at the next table. Watching her blood fill the bag was sickening and comforting at the same time. At least I wasn't alone. The bag hung on a weighted metal arm, and when it reached a pound, the arm was supposed to tip so a nurse would come over to arrest the flow. I say "supposedly," because they ended up milking my unfortunate friend for some reason. But the nurses were great and my friend steadfast. We both knew the juice and doughnuts weren't very far away.

It was another blood-donating find for me when I realized that if I got turned away at the initial interview stage, there were people watching who either knew me or might someday know me. This wasn't some community clinic where I was just an anonymous face among a bunch of do-gooders. If they didn't want my blood, people were going to know. And even though I'd run myself through the whole battery of medical and personal questions, and was as sure as I could possibly be that they were going to take my blood, I was still a little worried. I could take heart though, even though I stood on the verge of possibly damning myself in the eyes of not-quite-distant-enough strangers, at least my section mates might benefit. The friendly folks at the sign-in table had added my name to the section competition for a keg of beer when I registered. That's right, a keg of beer. Now what I want to know is whether we get to drink it in 8:40 Torts. For those of you who are saying, "Damn, I should have given blood," you should also know that the other prizes offered were bar review courses and a sweatshirt from the bookstore. With a maximum of 150 people giving blood, those odds are a heck of a lot better than the state lottery.

Anyway, back to the story. When I did get turned away, it was because I hadn't answered the medical and behavioral history questions on the form. I made a baseline for my seat, made a big show that I had just stupidly not checked the boxes, and avoided all eye contact. Not a big deal, thankfully. After that it was off to the milk and cookie station for some pre-donation sugar loading and some great banter with a guy who acted like the local version of Mr. Rogers.

As you'll know from the start of our story, for me at least, the poking and flowing part of the day went just fine.

I really enjoy giving blood, except, of course, for the part where they ram a needle with a visible hole into your forearm, because nowhere else can I discuss my sex life in a calm, detached manner with another adult. That's worth the 45 minutes of my time right there. And if that is not enough, it's the only time I get to enjoy talking with health professionals. It's the only time I see these people when I don't feel like hell. They're great at people, right down to the casual banter they maintain while they are looking for signs that I'm about to do a face-plant because I sat up too fast. Basically, the whole experience gets eight out of 10 points on my warm and fuzzy scale. If you don't get the chance to give this time, don't miss it next time.

## At Lunch With... Louise Renne

### A Continuing Series

By Steven Feinstein

EDITOR IN CHIEF

It is rough work writing an *At Lunch With* column. I first had lunch with Dean Read September 7. But writing an article about Dean Read's intention to teach at Hastings forever and his plans for Hastings 2000 somehow no longer seems interesting.

I then asked soon-to-be Acting Dean of the College Mary Kay Kane to have lunch with me. She originally accepted but then canceled. She said she would not have lunch with me until after the Board of Directors had chosen the new dean in December. Presumably it would then be too late for students to do anything about her becoming dean.

Finally, I decided to look for my lunch partner outside the rarefied world of the Hastings Administration. Louise Renne, City Attorney of the City and County of San Francisco, was happy to have lunch with me as she campaigned for re-election.

We ate at the Hayes Street Grill, 320 Hayes Street, where Renne had made reservations. Shockingly, she was a half-hour late with an excuse about having to meet with a Hillary somebody to discuss national health care policy.

The Grill's menu included many items that were, not surprisingly, grilled. We both had the Crab Cakes with Pistacia Beurre Blanc and Frites (\$14.75). The cakes were good though too breaded and a little bland. It was served with a small salad made of exotic greens and crispy thick french fries.

She was at times candid in our conversation, though unwilling to speak about many city issues because she felt might have to defend city policies in court. I told her I was surprised to find such a closed administration at Hastings, or, as I now call it, the Kremlin of the Tenderloin. She said, "That was always true of Hastings. Students are always complaining there is not a good dialogue between them and the faculty and administration."

As the City Attorney Renne is

responsible for representing the city in all civil matters. Unlike the city attorneys in most California cities she is not responsible for any criminal prosecutions. She has a staff of 84 attorneys, but, unfortunately, is not hiring.

We discussed my parking tickets. She did not think much of my excuse that Columbus Day was a holiday when one can park in a yellow zone. She also said she supports \$275 parking tickets for people, like me, who park near corners with curb cuts.

Her stories of being a woman in law school in the early 1960s were interesting. She said professors would generally not call on women, except for one who would have "Ladies' Days" when they called women down in the front of the class to recite about cases.

Renne complained that her opponent, Neil Eisenberg, has promoted a series of vicious columns about Renne's claimed failings by Warren Hinkle in *The Independent*. She said Eisenberg was put up to running by State Senator Quentin Kopp, who is

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### Restaurant Review

## Dim Sum, Serve Some

By Jose Martinez, Jr.

ADVERTISING EDITOR

At the suggestion of our fine editor-in-chief, the staff at the Law News got together one afternoon to explore the culinary creations at the new luncheonette Hong Kong West. Located at Opera Plaza next to Max's, Hong Kong West offers authentic Cantonese cuisine at moderate prices. We went for Dim Sum, an original Hong Kong favorite which is featured daily for breakfast and lunch.

We arrived relatively early for lunch. We were seated promptly. Unfortunately, promptness became only a notion after this point. As the lunch time crowd started to gather in, the relatively spacious restaurant quickly reached full capacity. While it is nice to go to a popular restaurant, service is often sacrificed. We often found ourselves looking over our shoulders trying to get the attention of the busy waiters. Fortunately, one of the editors was fluent in Cantonese and the

service got a little better. The decor at Hong Kong West is not going to win any awards for creativity. Other than the cheery murals of Hong Kong on the walls the restaurant is rather nondescript. The mall setting is also a bummer. The clientele at Hong Kong West are mostly Asian men. This fact leads me to two conclusions: the restaurant caters to a businessman environment, and the food is probably pretty good. In fact, the latter conclusion is correct. Hong Kong West has an extensive selection of Dim Sum. The menu features favorites such as foil wrap chicken, fresh shrimp steamed dumplings, pork dumplings, steamed B.B.Q. pork huns, pot stickers, and our Editor's favorite, steamed beef balls. For those of you with more adventurous palates, the menu also has indigenous delicacies such as sea blubber, shark's fin soup dumplings, beef tripe stew and chicken feet in spicy water. The prices are very reasonable. Dishes range from \$1.80 to \$3.80.

The more popular dishes are in the \$1.80 range.

Particular favorites among the group included foil wrap chicken. Marinated chicken is wrapped in foil and sautéed. The end result is delicious tender chicken with a delightful marinade. Another favorite is the steamed B.B.Q. pork huns. The huns are very light and the B.B.Q. pork is magnificent. I enjoyed the fresh shrimp dumplings wrapped in a very light crepe. I also enjoyed the sweet rice with special meat wrapped in lotus leaf. I can't tell specifically what type of meat is in the dish, but I can say that the combination of sweet rice and the meat make a delicious and unique combination.

If you have never tried Dim Sum, or are in the mood for something a little different, Hong Kong West is conveniently located next to school. I love Dim Sum on Sunday mornings—the oils used in cooking sometimes have a therapeutic value.



# Food

## Bagels by the Bay

By Joel Agron  
FOOD COLUMNIST

When I was just a small boy, my aunt came to visit us in Arizona. She was from New York, and was amazed that we were able to get freshly baked bagels in the rough-and-tumble backwoods of Tucson. She honestly believed that bagels were a New York phenomenon, and any bagel obtained outside "The City" would be just a lifeless imitation. New Yorkers are sometimes like that; they are often surprised that we have indoor plumbing west of the Hudson.

Although New York City's Jewish immigrants were probably the first to eat bagels in the New World, fine bagel bakeries can be found on the West Coast as well. If you're in Tucson, stop by the Hot Bagel Bakery on Speedway, just east of the University of Arizona. I was 11 the last time I was there, but I remember the bagels being very good.

For those of you not venturing out of the Bay Area in the immediate future, I offer the following recommendations.

San Francisco's newest player in the bagel game is Noah's

Bagels, located in the Sunset District on Irving St., between Ninth and Tenth Avenues. There is also a Noah's in the Marina District at 2075 Chestnut St. Steiner. These bagels are terrific! They are generously sized and always fresh. The outside has that all-important "sheen" which creates a flavorful, stretchy surface and gives a good bagel its feel and weight. The inside is chewy and fragrant, with an excellent texture. These bagels are the biggest I've seen, and just one makes a full meal. The bakers are liberal with the poppy or sesame seed coatings, and will separately wrap your onion or garlic goodies so they won't contaminate your cinnamon-raisins. Noah's also sells flavored and plain cream cheese "shmeatzes" and cute mini-bagels for parties.

The Bagelry is hard to miss once you've seen the four-foot bagel hanging above the door on Polk Street, between Broadway and Vallejo. I recommend you get here early in the day, since they close the door once the day's bagels are sold, often before 1 p.m. While not as large as Noah's bagels, the Bagelry's productions are wonderful. The Bagelry gives its bagels an excellent flexible

inside, flavor and outside sheen. They also sell plain and flavored cream cheeses, of which the walnut-date spread is notably good, tasting almost like a slice of exotic cheesecake. The Bagelry also makes tremendous turkey sandwiches on their bagels with lettuce, sprouts, cheese, tomatoes and even cucumbers, a bargain made-to-order at just \$2.75.

Unlike Noah's and The Bagelry, I cannot recommend Holy Bagel, located at 1206 Masonic and 3218 Fillmore. The reason to buy bagels baked at a bakery, rather than the frozen or bagged kind at Safeway, is because bakery bagels were made the same day you bought them. At Holy Bagel, the bagels taste as if they were made the day before, or maybe even the week before. The outside more resembles cardboard than the flexible shiny crust on a Noah's. Whereas a good bagel's inner flesh stretches before it tears, a Holy bagel just crumbles into pieces. These bagels have a dusty and almost stale flavor that does not measure up to the finer bagels available in San Francisco.

If you're leaving San Francisco for the peace and sunshine of

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# Reel World

Dazed and Confused: A Bong Hit from the 70's

By Dolly Reynolds

*Dazed and Confused* is a giddy, nostalgic look at the 1970s through the eyes of high school students in suburban Texas. The movie was written and directed by *Slacker's* Richard Linklater and follows a similar structure. The action begins at 1 p.m. on May 28, 1976, and ends at sunrise the next morning. It's the last day of school, the country is celebrating its bicentennial, and Lynyrd Skynyrd rules.

Linklater brings us into the high school and lets us meet the characters who'll spend the movie with. There's Slater, the cosmic pothead, Randy "Pink" Floyd, the cool quarterback, Mike and Tony, brainy geeks who want to go to law school, Jodi, woman among girls, the jerk, the frizzy space cadets, the smokers, the cheerleaders. You know them all because if you're old enough to remember the Captain and Tenille, these people went to your high school. It feels like you're back in time.

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aboutthe and everyone wears ridiculous clothes.

Since it's the last day of school, the new seniors must initiate the new freshmen. This initiation involves some pretty weird rituals. The boys take wooden paddles, also built in wood shop and personalized with slogans like "FAH Q" and "Soul Pole" and chase the eighth graders. When the kids are inevitably caught, their butts are paddled purple, they're given a beer, and they become part of the group.

The junior high girls are assembled in the high school parking lot. The seniors order them to lie down, and then cover them with ketchup and mustard. These human hot dogs must now kneel before the senior boys. The boys really crack themselves up by telling the girls to open their mouths, and asking them, "do you spit or swallow?"

The rest of the movie continues along much the same lines. What plot there is involves all these kids looking for a place to have a "bitious" last day of school party. Linklater generally just lets us hang around these characters as they play football, drive around, try to buy beer, avoid parents, flirt, make out, and party.

Linklater's film is made with real affection. These kids are all, on some level, jerks, but they're sweet and familiar. You don't judge them—you're too busy laughing and remembering what it was like back then. Unlike the tedious and alienated posers in *Slacker*, these characters do have a sort of skewed community ethic. In the end, everyone in this film makes it to the party.

*Dazed and Confused* is playing at the Kabuki. Put on your powder blue Levi corduroys and go.

## Part 2 of 2

# 50 Ways to Leave Your Library

### Reviews of Basement Video Games

By Eric C. Johnson  
and Brian Jebian  
STAFF WRITERS

Last month we left you in the 198 basement reviewing video games. Thanks to the *Law News'* endless supply of quarters and Junior Mints, we're still there. Enough talking; here's the rest of 'em games.

**Neo Geo/Top Player Golf**  
The game: The Neo Geo machine is so cool it has two games inside of it: simply choose the one you want to play. Top Player Golf is, as the name implies, a computerized version of the outdoor sport ensnared by all.

Brian refused to play this game on principle.

**Eric Boring:** The controls are unwieldy and the instructions offer no helpful clues. This game lasts forever on one quarter; usually not a problem, but its painful on this game.

**Neo Geo/Football Frenzy**  
The game: Another example

of the brilliant idea of taking an outdoor, athletic sport and turning it into passive indoor entertainment. Soon we'll have video games where we make computer-generated characters use the Stair Master.

Brian: I like this game. A lot. Once you learn how to control your team, it can be just loads

of fun doing things that destroy any realism that the designers intended the game to have.

**Eric:** Another long game, but this time enjoyable. A wee bit confusing at first, but the controls are very instinctive once you're used to them.

### Lethal Enforcer

The game: A game that lets you kill bad guys with actual weapons instead of pushing buttons. The machine comes equipped with pistols that you point at the screen and fire. Requires two quarters to start.

Brian: Well worth the time I wasted. There's nothing like having a smacked gun in your hands



Photo by Steve Anderson

and blowing away simulated scumbags. And, yes, I am quite comfortable with my sexuality.

**Eric:** The gun controls do take a bit of getting used to. The game penalizes you for shooting innocent people. How unrealistic.

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## Career Services

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years) found jobs through OCI. In 1992, 137 students (109 second years and 28 third years) got OCI jobs, and in 1993, 124 students (102 second years and 22 third years) obtained jobs. However, Legal Recruitment Coordinator John Young said these numbers are not necessarily complete, since they are based on voluntary reporting from students and employers.

Director of Career Services Kristin Flieri said that perhaps employers' cutbacks in recruiting expenses have kept away those firms that were not sincerely interested in hiring Hastings students anyway.

A common complaint among Hastings students is that the Career Services Office is not doing enough to attract employers to Hastings. Flieri placed some blame on the bad economy. She also said a new task force is forming to address the role of Career Services at Hastings. The committee will include Flieri, Prof. Daniel Lathrop, Dean Leo Martinez, Director of Student Services Patsy Oppenheim and student representatives. She said proposals so far included lunch meetings between faculty and employers, and regional job fairs for students seeking employment outside Northern California.

Asked if Career Services gets enough support from the administration and the Board of Directors, Flieri said, "For the most part, yes." Flieri said her funding requests have been treated

fairly, but now OCI needs more "institutional support" to better help students.

Last spring Hastings dropped from 19th to 23rd in the U.S. News and World Report ranking of U.S. law schools — dangerously close to dropping off

**Mack said both Career Services Director Kristin Flieri and John Young, the legal recruitment coordinator, should be fired.**

of the "top 25" list. Much of the drop was due to Hastings' 64th national ranking in placement success.

Flieri at first refused to comment on the career placement ranking, then said her office provides the career services data to the Academic Dean's office, which in turn gives it to U.S. News. Flieri added that other law schools provided data from previous years, thus skewing the results of Hastings' ranking. Flieri declined to comment further on the issue, saying it was too "political."

Flieri advised students who are currently searching for jobs that, "if you don't really want to practice law your chances are lower. You really have to want it in this market" and "you have to do more than just graduate."

## Some Modest Proposals

At a recent ASH meeting about Career Services, several students offered suggestions for more help in the job search. Among them:

1. Do OCI on a rotating, year-round basis.
2. Make OCI more attractive to small firms (Family Law, Labor Law, Bankruptcy) by reducing the cost: one student said USF's faculty allow their offices to be used for interviews to avoid the high cost of renting hotel rooms.
3. Provide a database on the firms participating in OCI (especially the "Student Send Resume" employers) on disk for students. Also, put the OCI data base on the Hastings Bulletin Board System, so students can peruse and download easily for merging with cover letters.
4. Do "On-Campus Interviews" on the road. Organize a combined U.C. - OCI session in D.C., N.Y., Chicago, or even L.A. If Career Services would set up interview sites in other employer-populated cities, students could split expenses for

interviews with smaller (non-reimbursing) firms in those cities.

5. Give a seminar on contracting out legal labor.
6. Contract with a sole practitioner to give a lecture or seminar on hanging out a shingle. The speaker could give advice on what kind of ordinary, bread-and-butter legal business students can use to pay off their loans while doing undergraduate or volunteer public interest work. Students asked for advice on landlord/tenant filings, non-contested divorces, individual bankruptcies — whatever the market needs from a legal tyro.

An informal calculation by a 1993 graduate (and the consensus of his friends) was that 55 to 65 percent of the class is still unemployed.

If students have any more suggestions for help with the job search, please share them with the Law News and we'll print them.

—Sheila Allen

## Law News Endorsements

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### Proposition 55: Yes

Proposition 55 was put on the ballot by a police officer whose supervisor won't let him walk the beat with his puppet. He's asking the city for his endorsement. Any peaceful law enforcement tool which will diffuse tense situations and bring humor into controversy deserves our vote. Besides, one more damny on the force won't hurt.

### Proposition 170: Yes

Proposition 170 will change

the state's requirement for school bond elections from a two-thirds super-majority to a simple majority. One person, one vote is still a good policy in us. Also, school construction is desperately needed in many areas of the state.

### Proposition C and Proposition 172: Yes

These both would maintain the current sales tax level. C only takes effect in San Francisco if 172 fails statewide.

The government needs the money for law enforcement,

public services, health care, and even to run Hastings. The only shame is that Governor Wilson should have been a man and just extended the half-cent sales tax that the state already needs.

### Proposition 174: No

The School Voucher initiative is both stupid and unconstitutional. The right of all children to public education has been a societal consensus for a long time. This is not time to start state funding of churches and to destroy our public schools.

## At Lunch With

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close with Hinkle. She said Kopp hates women to be in office and had a vendetta against her since she supported Dianne Feinstein over Kopp in 1979.

The subject turned to various ballot measures. She said she was all in favor of BB, which would give a cop his puppet. However, she was negative about Proposition AA, which would

require all city employees to take public transportation twice a week. She said she was too busy to take public transportation and did not plan to venture onto the Muni twice a week if it passed.

After we finished lunch she offered to pay, which I, in violation of good journalistic ethics, accepted. She went back to the campaign trail and I went to Insurance class.

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are no longer available. They say political student groups are essential to the education process where different views should be readily available and easily discussed.

It is unclear how the UC Regents will interpret the California State Supreme Court's decision and how UC and State campuses throughout California will modify their mandatory student activity fees, but the Regents will determine a standard policy for the entire UC system. A number of alternatives have been suggested, among which are a voluntary fee system, a checklist allowing students to block funds to certain groups, or even abolishing the activity fee altogether. The Hastings General Counsel's office is currently

waiting for the Regents' interpretation of the Smith decision. General counsel Angela Khachadour had no comment on the subject. In the meanwhile ASH has selected three representatives to research Smith and anticipates drastic changes

when determining which group is political and which is not. Groups might be able to save themselves by disassociating from politics; but, some argue, what would happen to groups like Amnesty International whose mission statement is deeply embedded in politics? The Smith decision might have an even greater significance at law schools, where student organizations are frequently embedded in politics. "In law school, everything we do is political," said ASH President June Morse. ASH itself would not be affected by Smith since its own budget come from underground outlines and the vending machines in the basement of the 198 building. ASH only acts as a conduit for collecting and distributing activity fees to various student organizations.



as early as next semester.

The groups most likely to be ineligible for future funds are political partisan organizations. However, problems may arise

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# Matrix Protections

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Golden Gate Park. The City told Food Not Bombs that they needed permits from the Health and Parks departments to serve free food in the park. The group eventually obtained both permits, which were renewed on a monthly basis. In 1990, the Recreation and Parks Commission passed Resolution 155503 (Y4), which stated: "This amended policy will not allow staff to issue any subsequent permits to any organization for the purpose of free food distribution on any park site," thus making it impossible for the group to comply with the City's regulations.

"The City doesn't want homeless people in the park," says Keith McHenry, of Food Not Bombs. "They want the homeless out of sight, at Glide or St. Anthony's. We're feeding people in the park because that's where homeless people are." Despite the Parks Commission Resolution, McHenry says there were no arrests of Food Not Bombs members for three years, although the group continued to serve soup to homeless in Golden Gate and Civic Center Parks.

Arrests of members of the group began again on September 2, under Jordan's Matrix crackdown. Since September, over 140 members have been arrested, though the dauntless group continues to serve lunch and dinner every day across the street from City Hall.

"Of all the City's misguided policies towards the homeless, this one is the most outrageous," says second year Jesse Palmer, "the government should encourage charity, not make it impossible to comply with bureaucratic regulations." Palmer was arrested September 29 along with 35 others when they linked arms around a bucket of soup the police were trying to confiscate. The protesters were put in a police van and driven around for awhile before being brought to the police station at 5th and Bryant, where

they were cited and released. Palmer is charged with resisting arrest and is scheduled to appear in court October 28.

Toal Dixon, a first year who was arrested at a September 2 Food Not Bombs demonstration and charged with misdemeanor assault and resisting arrest, has agreed to take diversion. She will perform 25 hours of community service in exchange for the charges against her being dropped. "Unfortunately," says Dixon, "I won't be able to do my community service at Food Not Bombs, since they've been taken off the list of permissible organizations."

Veronica Myles, a Moral Character analyst for the California State Bar, says three types of civil disobedience arrests will not affect a student's admission to the Bar.

Judy Appel stresses that the arrests are just one aspect of the protest against Jordan's Matrix policy. More important, she says, is educating the public about what is really happening to homeless people under Matrix.

"California's vagrancy and loitering laws were declared unconstitutional ten years ago," she says. "Jordan is trying to use a conglomeration of local ordinances to circumvent the judicial process." According to San Francisco Assistant District Attorney Paul Cummings, 99 percent of the Matrix citations never get to the D.A.'s office, which has neither the resources nor the ability to prosecute these violations beyond a reasonable doubt.

For their part, the activists are vowing to continue the struggle against the Matrix crackdown, and Food Not Bombs has planned a rally on Wednesday, October 27 at noon in front of City Hall. "I really urge the Hastings community to walk over to the Civic Center park and see what is happening to people under Matrix," says Jesse Palmer, "the good people of San Francisco do not support this policy."

# The Joy Stick Club

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## Millipede

The game: A true classic—no description needed. If you haven't heard of this game, then you obviously didn't grow up in the early '80s, when Duran Duran was radical and Sean Penn's only claim to fame was *Fast Times at Ridgemont High*.

Brian: Oh, so great! I find it amazing that a society so advanced as ours has produced such a truly silly game, yet I'm totally into it. Eric: The rackball rockit! Despite its utter simplicity and monotony, I would love to steal this game and set it up in our room in the Tower.

## Caveman Ninja

he game: Cute caveman characters use a variety of weapons to overcome prehistoric dangers.

Brian: Good, clean fun. Although it's historically inaccurate, I enjoyed how the game subtly rewarded teamwork by letting you and your partner do

moves that either one couldn't do alone.

Eric: Nauseatingly cute. Requires more strategy than it lets on. Controls are easy to learn and quite self-explanatory. A good game for those not wanting too much death and mayhem.

## Ataxx

The game: This machine is located in the next room along with the pool table and juke box. It plays like a board game, combining the elements of checkers, go, and Othello. NOTE: Someone thinks that this game sucks so much that you get two games for one quarter. We'll find a better deal in this economy.

Brian: Board games should not, as a rule, be made into video games. My MTV attention span can't handle having to think cogently for so long.

Eric: For some insane reason, I really like this game. It's more difficult to win than you might think—and the computer opponents look like residents of

the seventh dimension.

## Terminator 2 Day

The game: An obvious marketing ploy trying to cash in on Arnold's dwindling popularity. This pinball machine cost two quarters to start.

Brian: After two games, let me say, that I totally suck at pinball. And 50 cents for the first game? No way.

Eric: As pinball goes, this game is pretty good. It has some gimmicks and interesting features, but it is not worth the extra quarter.

## Pin Bot

The game: Another pinball game. This one, however, is reasonably priced at one quarter a game.

Brian: This machine is much more fun. It reminds me of miniature golf. When I activate my sprung, magical things happen.

Eric: There is something to be said about its simplicity. No as challenging as most pinball machines, but it's still fun. Hey, 20 million *Terminator* fans can't be wrong.

# ASH Allocates Your Money

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Association, Hastings Jewish Law Students Association and Clara Foltz Feminist Association appealed at the September 26 meeting. The meeting lasted from 6 p.m. to midnight that evening, with all but two ASH representatives present. La Raza, HAGL, BLSA and Clara Foltz received on average, 75 percent of their original requests, while HULSA received \$100.

"Unfortunately, what started out as a respectable process, complete with an apparently viable appeal, degenerated soon after the Chinese food was gone and most of the appellate representatives returned to their homes," first year student Anne Schwartz wrote in a letter posted on the community comment board. Schwartz complained that the ASH funding process was unfair and that it was procedurally inadequate. Her letter concludes that "the appeals were a sham and a waste of time."

Two ASH representatives responded to Schwartz's comments through letters posted on the Community Comment Board in the first floor of the 198 building. Corey Taylor, a second year ASH representative, encouraged students to review the minutes of the appeals meeting for a "more accurate account of the meeting."

ASH Secretary Lesley Kim, agreeing with Taylor, argued that Schwartz failed to give an accurate picture of the appeals meeting.

"Ms. Schwartz failed to recognize that out of 35 voting members, only 3 had left before 10 p.m.," Kim wrote. In addition, Kim was dissatisfied with Schwartz's complaints asserted in her letter that "it is not clear what Ms. Schwartz's main contention with the funding process was. Whatever her motivation in writing a letter for the community comment board, slamming an ASH meeting is not the way to get change accomplished."

ASH Treasurer Victor Perez said he thought that Schwartz was simply upset because the appeals

process took longer than expected. Schwartz said her letter is not so grumpy. She said she thought the appeals process could have run more smoothly. For example, she said that "while we could have dispensed with some of the more timely and formal procedures, like motions to vote or motions to ask questions, they should not have been removed altogether." "She said she knew "it's not my job to fix the problem," and said, "ASH reps have the responsibility to change." Taylor and Kim could not be reached for comment.

# Bay Bagelries Bake 'Em Right

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Contra Costa County, don't miss Bagel King in Walnut Creek, located at 1086 Locust Street, near the new Regional Center for the Arts. The bagels here are smaller and more dense than at Noah's or The Bagelry, and the outside filling is thicker, making these bagels a bit tougher than any I've tasted.

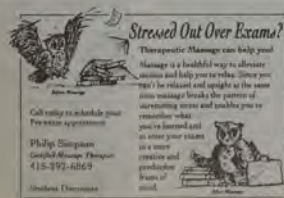
But what a taste! The are always fresh and fragrant and taste delicious. Along with the traditional seeded, onion and garlic varieties, Bagel King has two excellent creations I have never seen anywhere else. Their sourdough bagel has an extra-chewy flesh and a rich sourdough tang, and their jalapeno has a terrific afterburn from bits of green and red chilies mixed into the dough. Both are worth trying.

along with their blueberry bagels, another unexpected treat.

I hope you get a chance to try my recommendations—Noah's and The Bagelry—as soon as you can. When in Contra Costa, Bagel King is worth a quick detour.

One more thing—don't forget to ask for freezer bags when you buy a dozen. You should always freeze your extra bagels on the day of purchase. Just out of the freezer, a rock-solid frozen bagel could break your counter top if dropped, but once thawed in the microwave or toaster oven, a bagel retains its consistency very well and tastes almost as good as on the day you bought it.

However, few experiences rival the ecstasy of buying a bagel still warm from the oven.



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## Guest Editorial

# Stay in Somalia

By Douglas Orvis  
FOOT YEAR

After the spontaneous implosion of the Soviet Union in 1989, the United States became, for better or worse, the sole remaining military superpower. Nearly ten months ago, the U.S. agreed to offer its strength and stability to a noble U.N. operation

in a U.N. operation is perhaps the single useful exercise for a military unit. Instead of entering a peaceful situation and escalating it, ideally a military in such a situation will enter a chaotic one and restore some semblance of a social structure.

Two major complaints have been raised concerning U.S. involvement. First, it is argued that "the U.S. should not be the

Department is hardly earth-shattering news. But, it is pure fiction to say that the quagmire has come about as a result of a lack of the U.S. plan in Somalia. The problem is that there was a U.S. plan which was completely different than the one the U.N. was pursuing. For this action to

work, the U.N. must believe that the U.S. is committed to it. It is the continuing fear of U.S. withdrawal which prompted the U.N. to draft a plan which reflected the personalizing quality of U.S. foreign policy. If the lessons of Iraq, Panama, and Viet Nam mean anything, they offer proof that bickering between heads of state is not an effective basis for policy. Moreover, diplomacy is precisely what the U.S. should not contribute to the global

community. Our ability comes from military prowess, not policy formulation.

Admittedly, the U.N. plan in Somalia needs clarity. But it also needs the U.S. military involvement, free of diplomatic baggage and isolationist undercurrents.

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to restore order to the anarchic remnants of Somalia. Now, the wisdom of that decision has been questioned without justification.

Strength has given the U.S. the opportunity to contribute to world order, and now the U.S. must acknowledge that responsibility and maintain a presence in Somalia. One important caveat for any jingoistic cold warriors salivating over the potential to start another war: do not mistake this policy statement as an open invitation to occupy and colonize a sovereign nation. It merely expresses the U.S. duty to serve the world community as one among equals.

In the ideal world, militaries would simply not be necessary; regretfully humanity has not matured to that point as yet. Until such time as militaries are no longer obligatory, participation

in a U.N. operation is perhaps the single useful exercise for a military unit. Instead of entering a peaceful situation and escalating it, ideally a military in such a situation will enter a chaotic one and restore some semblance of a social structure. Two major complaints have been raised concerning U.S. involvement. First, it is argued that "the U.S. should not be the policeman of the world." This statement is absolutely correct. The U.S. is not the police force in Somalia—the U.N. is. There is a critical distinction. The U.S. should not enforce its conception of foreign policy especially considering that such plans are notoriously dreadful for the community of nations. But to infer that this simple platitude releases the U.S. of any obligation to the U.S., and thus allow a retreat from multilateralism is a completely selfish and typically American attitude. The U.N. is the closest thing to a global police force; the U.S., as a member of that organization should operate in good faith to ensure its strength and credibility.

The second argument given against our action in Somalia is that it lacks a purpose. A lack of a policy direction from the State

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her with a 10 minute speech and an introduction for Prof. López, the keynote speaker. Adding to the confusion, Carlin attributes statements made by Hernandez to Prof. López. Hernandez, not López, said that Governor Pete Wilson and Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer were manipulating anti-immigrant sentiment for political reasons.

Next, Carlin focuses on a minor part of the event and distorts it. He writes that several students were unhappy because La Raza served food after the speakers and through a source, intimates that La Raza "disrespectfully" attracted the speaker audience with a bait of free enchiladas and beer. Since Carlin wanted to emphasize this point (he devoted two of the six paragraphs in his story to the issue), he should have presented a more balanced account. La Raza posted flyers all over Hastings indicating that speakers would begin at 5:00 and food would be served half an hour later. Additionally, anyone interested in food, not talk, was free to leave the Louis B. Mayer lounge at any time and return later.

Finally, and in an important point of style, on first reference the article forgoes referring to Hastings La Raza Law Students Assoc. by its formal name, preferring to refer to us colloquially as "the students of La Raza." The Sept. 29 issue of the Hastings Law News accorded all other registered student organizations, except for ASH, the benefit of a formal name on first reference. See G.E. Feinstein, supra (referring on first reference to "Hastings International and Comparative Law Review," "Clara Foltz Feminist Organization," and "Asian/Pacific American Law Student Association"). We offer these criticisms as constructively as possible.

They should not be construed as a lack of respect for the enormous amount of volunteer work that goes into producing the Law News or a lack of appreciation for the important role the newspaper serves in the Hastings community.

Mary Gonzales  
President  
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Treasurer  
Hastings La Raza Law

## Hollandaise Sauce

Dear Editor,  
In Holland, marijuana and prostitution are commercial businesses, although highly regulated. Marijuana and hash (purified marijuana) are sold openly in "coffeehouses"—just step in and look at a "menu." (Yes, Mr. Clinton, I've inhaled.) Hard drugs, however, are as illegal as they are in the United States.

Prostitution is completely legal in Amsterdam (Holland's largest and most-visited city), in Rotterdam (which boasts the world's largest port), and in the Hague (Holland's capital and home of the World Court). Prostitution apparently is still illegal in Leiden (40 minutes south of Amsterdam; pop. 114,000), which has a university (enrollment of 18,000) established in 1574 by William of Orange and attended by Descartes and Rembrandt. In Amsterdam's red-light district, both brothel and window-style prostitution are legal. In window-style prostitution, the scantily-clad "girls" pose in sidewalk window displays where men can go "window-shopping" at a la Nordstrom. Live sex tickets cost \$42 and include three drinks. Amsterdam's girls are "high volume" girls, because of the

huge tourist influx. The price is also higher in Amsterdam than in either Rotterdam or the Hague because of this higher demand.

In the Hague, prostitution is only window-style in a small three-block square, weirdly enough with a bust of Stalin in the middle of it (which I found quite offensive), and outside urinals. \$28 gets a "15 minute, no-nonsense straight lay." (This compares with a bare minimum \$40-\$60 for one hour in one of Nevada's many legal brothels.) Two girls for 15 minutes costs \$55. These are so-called "middle-volume" girls.

The "low-volume" girls are in brothels in one part of Rotterdam. A \$20 cover gets you three drinks and keeps out the backpackers and scoundrels. \$110 will get a man 30 minutes with any girl of his choice who'll do anything within reason. Ten to fifteen girls sit at the bar, on couches, or dance on the small dance-floor flirting with the few patrons, trying to entice them into a jacuzzi, a sauna or perhaps upstairs. Generally, there are some very attractive women in these windows and brothels. Some have "brothel parlors." But most make money and move on to better things. Others don't. Leiden, however, is without any red-light district—apparently inconsistent with a respected and ancient University. For the five Hastings exchange students here, school begins October 7 and ends just before Christmas.

Jeff Jared  
Third Year

This transcription was difficult as Jeff's writing was very shaky. Having trouble holding a pen. Jeff? Don't shop at you drop—pace yourself, lad. Are you on independent study, or what? Op. Edr.

## Envy Continued

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among the rights afforded explicit protection" by the Constitution.

When the bell rings, I realize I've enjoyed the hell out of the class—sitting here musing over whether I suffer from subconscious envy or not...but I haven't a clue what was said. I'd ask someone for notes but it's kind of embarrassing since I was there.

As I retreat into the Tenderloin, I ponder another mystery: doesn't it seem weird that we're willing to spend millions and give lives to feed the hungry in Somalia, but arrest people in the Civic Center for feeding the hungry? Who

among us is the Angel of Death, deciding which people eat, which starve, and which die feeding the ones we chose (you—o-rens, you—life)? Do I need a permit to love my brothers and sisters? Am I doing anything to make a difference in someone's life today? Manson, Keating, and even Dahmer are given food...will me there how we honor diversity and righteousness. There's too many inequities crying out for a good fight—I'd better stay alert in class in order to learn courtroom weaponry and not add to the bad precedents or injure a client due to incompetence.

# Vicious Proposal

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\$1 million or more. The expected return is questionable. Both Alameda and Los Angeles Counties have installed a fingerprinting system. They claim it saves them money—but they calculate the savings by multiplying the average lifetime GA grant by the number of people who apply, but later miss their fingerprinting appointments. They don't ask why the people miss appointments—reasons might be fear, pride, humiliation, forgetfulness, arrest, illness, and losing the appointment papers. (People who sleep in public parks and shelters are often robbed.)

Proposition V purports to address the possibility that fingerprinting will scare away needy people with emotional problems such as paranoia. To that end, it allows people to skip the fingerprinting if they can prove they are mentally ill. Such an exemption is pointless. People who can gather the paperwork to prove they are mentally ill are

probably also able to navigate the GA system. The people to worry about are those who can't handle the paperwork—the ones who will just give up and walk out.

GA recipients lose their benefits surprisingly often, usually for paperwork reasons that have nothing to do with their need. In August alone, the GA program reported that 3,011 people were "discontinued" from benefits and 924 applicants were denied aid. If the cutoff rate holds steady for the year, General Assistance will have issued 36,132 cutoffs, or well over twice as many cutoffs as there are GA recipients. Such "churning" has become official policy because it's a more politically palatable way to save money than lowering the monthly grant.

A GA cutoff, even under the existing rules, is usually a sentence to a month of homelessness.

Some people know how to survive on the streets in San Francisco. Most people don't. They live, but they start to come

apart at the seams, mentally and physically. They're worn out by the time they wait through the 14-day sanction period and the reapplication process. I remember one client who looked and acted like a successful businessman when he first came to GAAP. We couldn't stop a discontinuance and he lost his benefits. Two weeks later he was a bitter drunk nursing a bottle on a Civic Center park bench. I've stopped counting the number of people who have told me they're considering suicide. Prop. V would double the sanction period. I don't even want to think about the human wreckage that would create.

Mayor Jordan's stated goal is to stop fraud and cut costs in the General Assistance program. Proposition V would not



accomplish either goal efficiently, because the fingerprint database has been shown to be expensive and useless. However, what it would do is separate many poor people from their benefits of last resort.

The mayor really wants to get the poor people out of the way of the tourists. They've done that successfully, and at great human cost, in San Diego—but in San Diego a top tourist destination? Listen, San Francisco is one of the world's favorite places because it has always welcomed strangers, with or without money.

My parents visited Fascist Madrid as tourists in 1967. They remember trains that ran on time and clean, quiet streets, purloined frequently by uniformed officers in pairs. They felt safe, but they felt a little funny about it, too. Is that what Mayor Jordan wants from San Francisco?

It's up to us to stop him. Vote NO on Proposition V.

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# Staff take VERIP

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on her trip to work from Walnut Creek. "It was very pleasant when I started," she said.

Bunting started work as faculty secretary in September, 1968. "There were about seven on the staff, including the dean," she said. The whole staff proctored exams, one full-time employee supervised a student janitorial staff, and there was no such thing as a security department. "Once in a while one of the local people would wander in with their wine bottle and try to sit in on a class," Bunting recalls, but back then, "the neighborhood seemed a little more safe."

All those eligible for regular University of California retirement benefits can also take advantage of VERIP. The group includes most employees who are at least 50 years old, with five or more years of UC service. Under normal UC retirement policy, retirees would get yearly payments based on their years of UC service and their age of retirement. VERIP participants receive an additional eight years of combined service and age credit, distributed between the two areas so as to maximize benefit. This allows a 50-year-old with five years' experience to retire with an "artificial" age of 55 and eight years of service credit, or

perhaps an artificial age of 52, and 11 years of service. With the VERIP incentives, such an employee's retirement benefits would nearly double, from 5.5 percent of the highest salary they ever earned to almost 10 percent.

The VERIP program is divided into two parts, one for staff and the other for faculty. The VERIP III program in which Dean Read is participating is for staff and administrators only. Those who have chosen to take early retirement will retire as of November 1, 1993. Exactly one month later those employees will step down from their positions. At that time, each will receive a retirement bonus, or a "transition allowance" as it is officially termed, of no more than three months' pay.

The faculty version of VERIP III is tentatively set for the spring. Anthony Fiorito, Hastings' personnel director, said nine 65 Club members and five other professors are eligible for the offer.

According to Fiorito, who is also Hastings' campus administrator for the VERIP program, the overall savings to the University of California system have been considerable. He also suggested that but for the program, student fees might have been raised even more over the last several years.

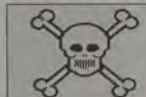
# The Angry Man

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ones myself. Okay, to be fair, though, let's assume that professors aren't just being nice when they say different. Maybe they really are impressed by an endless series of slightly altered hypotheticals, each differing from the last in some minute way. And maybe they're genuinely intrigued by the subtle legal nuances that arise when a plaintiff's shirt is yellow instead of beige. (Do ya think?) But, regardless of this, the rest of us student types are in class to get under the basics and learn good law, goldmine! In Classroom time, paid for by your belonging to all of us, is severely limited and shouldn't be wasted on meaningless tangential bullshit. I mean, come on. Try to keep the big picture in mind. If you've got some bee in your bonnet (or your head up your ass for that matter), why not hang out after class or go to office hours and give the rest of us a break?

The final hurt in my butt that I want to mention is a particularly aggravating bit of competitive-turned-actual behavior that makes my blood pressure rise. I had heard, when I first started considering the law school thing, that those obsessive-compulsive, hell-bent-for-grades pukes would hide the books that others needed for assignments. But, being the

eternal optimist when it comes to human nature, I figured these were simply horror stories intended to frighten off the frail of heart and dismissed them. Lo and behold though, come the first LW&R memo (which was not graded, for chrisakes!), and F Supps were disappearing left and right. First off, is there no standard anymore? Whatever happened to honor, did it go out with break-dancing, or what? Second, if you are so insecure about your scholastic capabilities that you have to resort



to terrorist tactics, get the fuck out of law school. It is that simple. I hope I speak for the majority of people, the ones who dutifully resolve their legal notions, when I say that book-hiders should burn in the most miserable of all bells. Personally speaking, if I catch one of you spineless shits, I am going to do the old steel-toed two-step on your face.

Whew, I feel much better now. I'll be taking to ya...

# ASH Column

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**Dean's Search**  
The Dean's Search Committee is in full swing, actively seeking the next "Dream Dean." Three unidentified candidates have been invited to come on-campus to meet with Dean Read, the faculty, administration, staff, and students. Students will be able to give the Dean candidates a Clinton-style "town hall meeting" forum. Details on how to participate in the town meeting will be forthcoming in the next few weeks. Please contact Chris Ayayo, our student representative to the Dean's Search Committee, if you have any questions or concerns.

**How to Keep Up on ASH**  
One of ASH's main priorities this year is to foster better communication among members of the Hastings Community. ASH invites all students to drop by our office in B-7, 198 McAllister, to see what ASH's current projects

are. Our office is open from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Mondays through Thursdays, and from 9:30 to 1:30 on Fridays. ASH minutes and resolutions are also posted regularly on the bulletin board outside of our office. Stop by to buy Underground Outlines, Fitness Center guest memberships, catch up on the latest ASH activities, if you have problems with the video game machines, or just to meet your reps.

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